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TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 10/829,468, Filed 4/21/2004
Inventor(s): Motyka et al.
**NON-GMO METAL AMINO ACID CHELATES AND NON-GMO
METAL AMINO ACID CHELATE-CONTAINING COMPOSITIONS**
Confirmation No.: 6421
Group Art Unit: 1646
Attorney Docket No. 22305

Dear Sir/Madam:

Transmitted herewith for filing and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97 is an Information Disclosure Statement.

Enclosed also are the following designated documents, as required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98:

- ☒ Form PTO-1449 list of 46 (forty-six) reference(s) submitted for consideration.
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- ☐ Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1) or (2).
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Dated this 22nd day of July, 2004.

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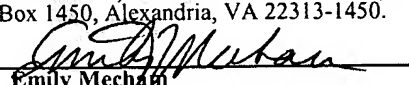


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- ☒ 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 (b)(1) or (3), within three months of the filing date of the application, or before a first office action on the merits, whichever occurs last;
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While no representation is made that any of these references may be "prior art" within the meaning of that term in accordance with 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 or 103, the enclosed list of references is disclosed so as to comply with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

Moreover, while no representation is made that a specific search of office files or patent office records has been conducted or that no better art exists, the undersigned attorney of record believes that the references listed, together with any other references which may have been previously submitted or listed,

are the closest to the claimed invention (taken in its entirety) of which the undersigned is presently aware, and no art which is closer to the claimed invention (taken in its entirety) has been knowingly withheld.

☐ In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, a copy of each listed reference (or relevant portion thereof) which was not previously submitted to, or cited by, the Patent Office is also enclosed.

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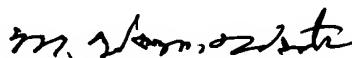
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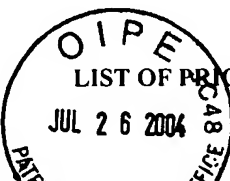
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